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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
COOK INLET PARALLEL PACIFIC COD SEASON
CLOSES TO LONGLINE VESSELS LESS THAN 50 FEET IN LENGTH
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The parallel Pacific cod season in the Cook Inlet Management Area will **close to all vessels using longline gear effective 12:00 noon March 21, 2013**. This coincides with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) closures of the Pacific cod catcher vessel less than 50 foot and the catcher vessel greater than 50 foot hook-and-line gear sectors in the federal Central Gulf of Alaska area. The parallel season will remain open to jig gear until closed by emergency order.

Fishermen are reminded that there is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following closure of a groundfish fishery.

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